DMR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2004, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome

Election of Officers

2. Approval of minutes

Meeting – March 30, 2004

3. Regulations - Action (voting)

Chapter 25.07 ASMFC Lobster Management Areas and Limitations (new) and Chapter 25.08(B)(2) Lobster Trap Tag System (Comm. Lapointe)

Proposed repeal of Chapter 25.50 Closed Season Regulation on Fishing for Crabs in Sheepscot River; Chapter 25.55Closed Season on Fishing for Crabs in Damariscotta River; and Chapter 25.60 Closed Season on Fishing for Crabs in Medomak River (Col. Fessenden)

Chapter 11.07(1)(a)(iii) Configuration of Drag (Col. Fessenden)

Chapter 31.10(C) Horseshoe Crabs - Daily and Possession limits (Dep. Comm. Flagg, P. Thayer)

Chapter 37.02 Minimum Length Limit for Landlocked Salmon, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout (Dep. Comm. Flagg)

Chapter 55.03 Special Area Closures to Finfishing – Damariscotta Mills Fishway (Col. Fessenden, Lt. Mercier)

Chapter 110 Marine Harvesting Demonstration License (New) and Chapter 25.08(B)(1) & (6) Lobster Trap Tag System (D. Gilbert)

Chapter 9 / 48 and 15-20 Shellfish Sanitation continued

4. Other Business

DMR Draft Long Range Plan – Discussion (Comm. Lapointe)

Updates

Scheduled Rulemaking Hearings or Meetings:

Updated: April 14, 2004

FMI: Contact Laurice Churchill at (207) 633-9584

Date Hearing or meeting / Location / Chapter or Subject / Staff contact on Notices

Rulemaking Hearings and Meetings – abbreviated chronological listing

04-21-04	Meeting	Augusta	Advisory Council meeting (Churchill)
03-26-04	Hearing	WBBH	Chapter 25.08(B) Lobster Trap Tag System (non-commercial) (Churchill or Stockwell)
03-26-04	Hearing	WBBH	Chapter 25.93(B) Lobster Fishing Effort Limitations (Churchill or Fessenden)
03-26-04	Hearing	WBBH	Chapter 26.20 Sea Urchin Research Conservation Areas – Repeal sections 1-3 and 5-7 (Churchill or Hunter)
05-19-04	Meeting	Augusta	Advisory Council meeting (Churchill)

Draft rulemaking in progress - Written materials not available unless noted:

- 2, 2.90 Statutory compliance (Costigan)
- 2,10,14 Updates for consistency with federal shellfish Model Ordinance (Fitzpatrick/Churchill)
- 5 Proposal to update with new changes in §6173(2) and proposed Chapter 8 (Libby)
- 21,22,23 Shellfish relay, culture in closed areas, standards for closures update (Fitzpatrick)
- 25 Artificial Bait
- 26 Urchins
- 34 Groundfish (after May 1)
- 36 Herring Technical corrections

Council Notes from Dep. Comm. Lew Flagg – No updates available at this time

Memorandum

To: DMR Advisory Council

From: Laurice U. Churchill

Date: April 14, 2004

Subject: Meeting Notice for meeting:

Wednesday, April 21, 2004, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Department of Human Services, Central Offices, 442

Civic Center Drive, Augusta *

Please notify Ruth Riopell (tel.: 624-6553 or email Ruth.Riopell@ Maine.gov) if you are <u>unable</u> to attend this meeting by <u>5 p.m.</u> Monday, April 19, 2004.

If the meeting is cancelled council members and other persons who may be attending the meeting will be contacted by telephone in advance of the meeting. Persons may also check for a cancellation notice posted on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/council/advisory_council_meeting.htm.

* Directions to: Department of Human Services Central Offices (conference room) 442 Civic Center Drive Augusta

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